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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/627,368	BONI ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Afsar M. Qureshi	2616	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to telephonic intrview with Attny. Michael Wrenn, 8/20/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-46.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached.
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application                                 |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                        | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____    | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                               |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance              |
|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |

**AFSAR QURESHI  
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

*8/20/07*

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Wrenn on 8/20/2007.

1. The application has been amended as follows:

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 34, line 1, deleted "A computer program, disposed on a computer readable medium". Added -- **A computer readable medium encoded with a computer program** --

Claim 35, line 1, deleted "The method". Added --**The computer readable medium** --

Claim 36, line 1, deleted "The computer program". Added --**The computer readable medium** --

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Claim 37, line 1, deleted "The computer program". Added --The computer  
readable medium --

Claim 38, line 1, deleted "The computer program". Added --The computer  
readable medium --

Claim 39, line 1, deleted "The computer program". Added --The computer  
readable medium --

Claim 40, line 1, deleted "The computer program". Added --The computer  
readable medium --

Claim 41, line 1, deleted "The computer program". Added --The computer  
readable medium --

Claim 42, line 1, deleted "The computer program". Added --The computer  
readable medium --

Claim 43, line 1, deleted "The computer program". Added --The computer  
readable medium --

Claim 44, line 1, deleted "The computer program". Added --The computer  
readable medium --

Claim 45, line 1, deleted "The computer program". Added --The computer  
readable medium --

Claim 46, line 1, deleted "The computer program". Added --The computer  
readable medium --

***Reasons for Allowance***

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The instant invention discloses a unique method step to provide the user with *presence-based status information for members of a "buddy list"*. The closest prior art of record, Davies et al. (US 6,853,634) and Moor et al. (US 2003/0185232), in the same field of endeavor, fails to disclose, taken alone or in combination, *obtaining presence-based information for selected participants to the user* as claimed in claims 1, 18, and 34 herein.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

Liscano et al. (US 2004/0037271).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Afsar M. Qureshi whose telephone number is (571) 272 3178.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Field Lynn can be reached on (571) 272 2092. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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